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### **ABSTRACT**

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03/07/2011 10.00	T. Chan, H. So, D. Ho. Generalized two-sided linear prediction approach for land mine detection, Signal Processing, (01 2008): . doi:
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07/12/2014 27.00	Seniha Esen Yuksel, Ganesan Ramachandran, Paul Gader, Joseph Wilson, Dominic Ho, Gyeongyong Heo. Hierarchical methods for landmine detection with wideband electro-magnetic induction and ground penetrating radar multi-sensor systems, IEEE International Geoscience and Remote Sensing Symposium, (07 2008): 177. doi:

07/26/2012 22.00 Lijun Zhang, Paul Gader, Joseph N. Wilson, Dominic K.C. Ho, Andres Mendez-Vazquez, Hichem Frigui.  
An evaluation of several fusion algorithms for anti-tank landmine detection and discrimination,  
Information Fusion, (04 2012): 161. doi:

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07/09/2013 25.00	Alina Zare, Dominic K. C. Ho, Josephine Dula, Paul Gader. Landmine Classification Using Possibilistic K-Nearest Neighbors with Wideband Electromagnetic Induction Data, SPIE Conf. Detection and Sensing of Mines, Explosive Objects, and Obscured Targets XVIII. 29-JUL-13, . : ,
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07/25/2012 21.00	Justin Farrell, Timothy C. Havens, Dominic K. C. Ho, James M. Keller, Tuan T. Ton, David C. Wong, Mehrdad Soumekh. Evaluation and Improvement of Spectral Features for the Detection of Buried Explosive Hazards Using Forward-Looking Ground-Penetrating Radar, Conf. Detection and Sensing of Mines, Explosive Objects, and Obscured Targets XVII. 23-JUL-12, . : ,
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08/08/2012 23.00	Timothy C. Havens, Kevin Stone, Derek T. Anderson, James M. Keller, Dominic K.C. Ho, Tuan T. Ton, David C. Wong , Mehrdad Soumekh. multiple Kernel Learning For Explosive Hazard Detection in Forward-Looking Ground-Penetrating Radart, SPIE Conf. Detection and Sensing of Mines, Explosive Objects, and Obscured Targets XVII. 23-APR-12, . : ,
12/03/2011 19.00	Dominic Ho, Paul Gader, Joseph Wilson, Hichem Frigui. On Improving the Efficiency of Subspace SCF Landmine Detection Method, ARO Landmine & Buried Explosive Object Detection Research Review Meeting. 02-FEB-11, . : ,
12/03/2011 17.00	Timothy C. Havens, K.C. Ho, James M. Keller , Tuan T. Ton, David C. Wong, Mehrdad Soumekhc, Justin Farrell . Detection of Explosive Hazards Using Spectrum Features From Forward-Looking Ground Penetrating Radar Imagery, SPIE Conf. Detection and Sensing of Mines, Explosive Objects, and Obscured Targets XVI. 23-MAY-11, . : ,
12/03/2011 18.00	Timothy C. Havens, James M. Keller, K. C. Ho, Tuan T. Ton, David C. Wong, Mehrdad Soumekh. Narrow-Band Processing and Fusion Approach for Explosive Hazard Detection in FLGPR, SPIE Conf. Detection and Sensing of Mines, Explosive Objects, and Obscured Targets XVI. 25-MAY-11, . : ,
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03/04/2011	1.00	H. Frigui, L. Zhang, P. Gader, J. Wilson, D. Ho, A. Mendez-Vazquez. An evaluation of several fusion algorithms for anti-tank landmine detection and discrimination, (01 2009)
12/03/2011	15.00	Hichem Frigui, Lijun Zhang, Paul Gader, Joseph N Wilson, K C Ho, Andres Mendez-Vazquez. An evaluation of several fusion algorithms for anti-tank landmine detection and discrimination, Elsevier Preprint (01 2009)

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### **Patents Submitted**

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### **Patents Awarded**

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### **Awards**

Dominic Ho received the Senior Faculty Research Award from the College of Engineering at the University of Missouri in March 2009.

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Dominic Ho was elected to be a Fellow of the IEEE in January 2009.

Dominic Ho received the Distinguished Alumni Award from the Chinese University of Hong Kong in April 2012.

Dominic Ho received the Senior Faculty Research Award from the College of Engineering at the University of Missouri in March 2014.

Dominic Ho has been elected to be the Chair of the Sensor Array and Multichannel Technical Committee of the IEEE Signal Processing Society.

Dominic Ho has been invited to be in the Technical Program Committee of the 8th IEEE International Workshop on Sensor Array and Multichannel signal Processing, A Coruna, June 2014.

Dominic Ho has been listed in Who's Who in Education, Marquis.

Dominic Ho has been listed in Who's Who in Science and Engineering, Marquis.

Dominic Ho has been listed in Who's Who in America, Marquis.

Dominic Ho has been listed in Who's Who in the World, Marquis.

### Graduate Students

<u>NAME</u>	<u>PERCENT SUPPORTED</u>	Discipline
Daniel Nabelek	0.50	
Liyang Rui	0.50	
Le Yang	0.50	
Shanjie Chen	0.50	
Zenhua Ma	0.50	
Josephine Dula	0.50	
<b>FTE Equivalent:</b>	<b>3.00</b>	
<b>Total Number:</b>	<b>6</b>	

### Names of Post Doctorates

<u>NAME</u>	<u>PERCENT SUPPORTED</u>
<b>FTE Equivalent:</b>	
<b>Total Number:</b>	

### Names of Faculty Supported

<u>NAME</u>	<u>PERCENT SUPPORTED</u>	National Academy Member
Dominic Ho	0.15	
Alina Zare	0.10	
<b>FTE Equivalent:</b>	<b>0.25</b>	
<b>Total Number:</b>	<b>2</b>	

### Names of Under Graduate students supported

<u>NAME</u>	<u>PERCENT SUPPORTED</u>	Discipline
Daniel Nabelek	0.50	BS
<b>FTE Equivalent:</b>	<b>0.50</b>	
<b>Total Number:</b>	<b>1</b>	

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### Names of Personnel receiving masters degrees

<u>NAME</u>	
Josephine Dula	
<b>Total Number:</b>	<b>1</b>

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### Names of personnel receiving PHDs

<u>NAME</u>	
Le Yang	
Zhenhua Ma	
<b>Total Number:</b>	<b>2</b>

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### Names of other research staff

<u>NAME</u>	<u>PERCENT SUPPORTED</u>
Lori Thunhorst	0.05
<b>FTE Equivalent:</b>	<b>0.05</b>
<b>Total Number:</b>	<b>1</b>

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### Sub Contractors (DD882)

### Inventions (DD882)

### Scientific Progress

We have developed innovative signal processing techniques for the vehicle-mounted and handheld ground penetrating radars for subsurface object detection. The techniques are particularly useful to detect the difficult targets that could be deeply buried and low in metal content. The techniques have gone through blind tests from the government and some of them has been implemented for use in the actual systems.

### Technology Transfer

## **Research and Accomplishments**

We have developed innovative signal processing techniques for the vehicle-mounted and handheld ground penetrating radars for subsurface object detection. The techniques are particularly useful to detect the difficult targets that could be deeply buried and/or low in metal content. We have summarized and documented our research investigations in the published papers.

For the vehicle-mounted ground penetrating radar, two techniques have been developed. The first technique is based on the frequency spectra of the targets to distinguish between targets and clutter objects. The second uses the auto-regressive modelling technique to improve the detection of shallow low-metal content targets. All of these techniques have been transferred to the government and the government's contractors. These techniques have gone through blind tests from the government. They have been implemented for use in the actual system.

For the handheld ground penetrating radar, we have advanced the linear predictor pre-processing and developed adaptive algorithms to enhance the performance. The developed techniques have been implemented in the actual handheld system AN/PSS-14, and they have assisted L3 Communications - CyTerra Corporation in passing the requirements for the blind test evaluations.

## **Technology Transfer**

We have transferred the developed ground penetrating radar processing techniques, both vehicle-mounted and handheld-based, to the government, and the government's contractors Niitek Inc. and L3 Communications - CyTerra Corp. The techniques have already been implemented by the contractors for use in their hardware platforms.